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**COMMENTS ON DRAFT FINAL RECORD OF DECISION, OPERABLE UNIT 2C, INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM, LANDFILL SITES 3 AND 5
FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION EL TORO, IRVINE
Geotracker No. DOD100131300 & DOD100131400**

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

We have completed our review of the above-referenced document, dated October 2007, which we received on October 8, 2007. The document discusses the remedial alternative selected by the Navy for closure of two landfills, Site 3 and Site 5. The remedial alternative selected is 4d, a single barrier cap consisting of a foundation layer, a flexible membrane liner for the barrier layer and a vegetative soil layer on top.

The responses to our comments on the previous version of this document are satisfactory. However, we have some comments on current (draft final) version.

- **Section 7.2.3.1 LANDFILL CAP**, Page 7-10: The reference to using soil from a potential borrow source located between landfill Sites 2 and 17 should be removed from this section. The Navy no longer owns this property. Also check for this reference in other sections of this document and revise.
- **Section 8.6 IMPLEMENTABILITY**, Second paragraph, Page 8-7: This paragraph needs revision. The potential on-Station borrow source is no longer available. Soil for construction of Alternative 3 may need to be imported from an off-Station source.

For any questions, please call me (951) 782-4494, or send email to jbroderick@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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